

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on February 6, 2003 at 4:05 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)  
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 407, 1/29/2003; HB 396,  
1/29/2003  
Executive Action: HB 97, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 20-0  
HB 129, DO PASS, 20-0  
HB 372, DO PASS, 18-2  
HB 396, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 16-4

**EXHIBIT(fih26a01)**

**EXHIBIT(fih26a02)**

**HEARING ON HB 396**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:00 REP. CAROL GIBSON, HD 20 -- Title of Bill: Revise  
hunter education laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

06:00 Ron Moody, Montana Hunter Education Instructor

**EXHIBIT(fih26a03)**

10:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

**EXHIBIT(fih26a04)**

11:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife

**EXHIBIT(fih26a05)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

29:00

**HEARING ON HB 407**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

32:00 REP. GAIL GUTSCHE, HD 66 -- Title of Bill: No charge to  
Montana resident for accessing state park and fishing  
access sites

**EXHIBIT(fih26a06)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

38:00 Wayne Hirst

**EXHIBIT(fih26a07)**

50:00 Hal Harper

54:00 Ronda Carpenter, Cascade County Commissioners

55:00 Elaine Mann, Broadwater County Commissioner  
57:00 Bob Raney, Montana State Parks Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

1:06:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT(fih26a08)**

1:11:00 Amy Sullivan, Montana Tourism Coalition

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

1:23:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

1:36:00

5:51 p.m. Break

6:00 p.m. Resume

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97**

**Motion:** REP. JENT moved that HB 97 DO PASS.

**Motion:** REP. JENT moved that HB 97 BE AMENDED.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion:** REP. JENT moved that HB 97 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129**

**Motion:** REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 129 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

1:52:00

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372**

**Motion:** REP. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 372 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

1:56:00

**Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 with REPS. GOLIE and GUTSCHE voting no, with REPS. GALLUS and GUTSCHE voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396**

**Motion:** REP. GIBSON moved that HB 396 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

2:02:00

**EXHIBIT**(fih26a09)

**Motion/Vote:** REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 396 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion:** REP. BALLYEAT moved that HB 396 BE AMENDED so the effective date would be later (unspecified). Motion failed 19-0 by voice vote.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. GIBSON moved that HB 396 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-4 with REPS. BALLYEAT, BARRETT, LANGE, and WAGMAN voting no by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:34 P.M.

---

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

---

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

JB/KE

**EXHIBIT (fih26aad)**